

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claim:

1. (Currently amended) A movable barrier operator system for controlling access to a secure area comprising:

a fingerprint communicating unit disposed outside the secure area and remote from a barrier movement operator inside the secure area, the fingerprint communicating unit comprising:

a fingerprint sensor disposed outside the secure area for generating a signal representative of a fingerprint;

a transmitter for emitting the a signal representative of a sensed fingerprint from the fingerprint sensor; and

the barrier movement operator comprising:

a receiver inside the secure area for receiving the signal representative of the fingerprint;

a fingerprint circuit disposed inside the secure area and responsive to the received signal for determining whether the fingerprint is representative of an authorized user; and

a barrier operator circuit for commanding a barrier to assume a particular position.

2. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises an optical fingerprint sensor.

3. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 2 wherein the optical fingerprint sensor is an electroluminescent fingerprint sensor.

4. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 2 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises a charged coupled device for generating a signal from which the signal representative of the sensed fingerprint is produced.

5. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the transmitter comprises a radio frequency transmitter and the signal representative of the sensed fingerprint is a radio frequency signal.

6. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the transmitter comprise a wall control.

7. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 further comprising a memory associated with the fingerprint sensor and the transmitter for storing information indicative of the fingerprint.

8. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit compares a coded identification transmission for operation of the barrier operator circuit.

9. (Amended) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit receives a fingerprint identifying signal representative of the fingerprint itself.

10. (New) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 1 wherein the movable barrier operator includes a learning mode in which the signal representing a fingerprint emitted by the transmitter is received by the barrier movement operator and stored in a memory thereof.

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11. (New) A movable barrier operator system according to claim 10 wherein the fingerprint circuit of the barrier movement operator reads the stored signal representative of a fingerprint to verify authorized users.